Railway reservation through Post

†1301. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal of handing over the work of making arrangements for railway reservation in rural areas to the postal department is under consideration;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal and whether Railways are expected to have any additional benefit out of it; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAY (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) A proposal for selling of tickets through Post Offices is under finalisation in consultation with the Department of Post. It is expected to reduce queue length at the ticket counters and make it easily available to the people.

Exodus of small vendors due to increase in licence fee

†1302. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BALAPTE:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI VINAY KATIYAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that large scale exodus of small vendors from railway stations has started due to increase effected in licence fees by his Ministry without assessing their sales;

(b) if so, details thereof and the reaction of Government;

(c) whether Government have formulated any policy to stop the exodus of small vendors from railway stations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

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†Onginal notice of the question was received in Hindi